

Governors Support Social Hygiene Day

Twenty-four governors issued proclamations this year in support of the observance of National Social Hygiene Day, according to Mrs. Dorothy B. Daly, associate director of ASHA's Division of Field Services. This year's total of proclamations was one of the highest within recent years, indicating continuing official concern with aspects of the Association's program activities.

The Division of Public Information at ASHA headquarters received more than 100 separate requests for packets of promotional materials for Social Hygiene Day. In addition to requests from ASHA affiliates, orders for materials were received from departments of social welfare, health departments, community service councils, united funds, community chests and

individual friends of the Association.

Most of the governors' proclamations stressed the importance of the prevention and correction of conditions leading to family breakdown.

"The protection of the family," said Governor Dennis J. Roberts of Rhode Island, "the guardianship of the inalienable rights of parents as heads of families, and the encouragement and establishment of those private and public organizations and programs in our land that will maintain and develop healthy family living are a concern to every citizen."

Governor Roberts said that "history has shown that nations shall remain strong and free only so long as family life is cherished, guarded, and protected with continuing vigilance and unrelenting militancy."

Advisory Committee Named For Project

Membership of the advisory committee of the new, ASHA-sponsored Middle States Family Life Project has been announced by Dr. Ellis F. White, director of the Division of Education.

Dr. Warren C. Lovinger, president of Central Missouri State College, Warrensburg, Mo., is chairman of the committee.

Other members include: Dean Kenneth E. Anderson, College of Education, University of Kansas; President Walter Pope Binns, William Jewel College; Dr. Irvin F. Coyle, assistant to the president, University of Missouri; President Morton C. Cunningham, Fort Hays Kansas State College; President Eugene Dawson, Colorado Women's College; President Paul W. Dieckman, Midland College; Roy O. Frantz, member of the executive committee, National School Boards Association; Dean Frank H. Gorman, College of Education, Municipal University of Omaha; Dean Frank E. Henzlik, College of Education, University of Nebraska; F. Floyd Herr, director of state certification and college accreditation, Kansas Department of Education; President Barton L. Kline, Nebraska State Teachers College; Mrs. Frank B. Leitz, president, Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers; the Rev. Trafford P. Maher, S.J., director, Department of Education, St. Louis University; Joseph F. Meisels, chairman, Graduate Department of Social Work, University of Kansas; President Peter P. Mickelson, Western State College; Dr. Harold E. Moore, director, School of Education, Denver University; Dr. Ruth Stout, director of field programs, Kansas State Teachers Association; Dr. H. Grant Vest, commissioner of education, Colorado Department of Education; and President D. C. Wedel, Bethel College.



Dr. Ellis F. White (center), director of ASHA's Division of Education, and Frank A. McFall (right), ASHA southeastern regional director, are shown discussing family life education problems with Shields Wilson, president of the Chattanooga, Tenn., Area Social Hygiene Association. Dr. White addressed a luncheon meeting of the Association on April 22.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

The Missouri Social Hygiene Association, St. Louis, Mo., sponsored 521 group meetings during 1957, with a total attendance of more than 18,000 people, according to figures released in the Association's annual report. Mrs. J. Hart Brown is executive director. . . . Len H. Glass, executive secretary, Los Angeles Health Education and Venereal Disease Council, is a member of the staff of a Workshop in Health Education, sponsored by the University of California at Los Angeles from June 23 to July 18. . . . William J. Petrus, ASHA's midwestern regional director, addressed an evening class in human relations at the University of Nebraska on April 17. Mr. Petrus discussed the organization, purposes and goals of the Association. . . . Dr. Ellis F. White, director of ASHA's Division of Education, discussed family breakdown in an address to the Chattanooga, Tenn., Area Social Hygiene Association on April 22. . . . Mrs. Dorothy T. Dyer, a member of the faculty of the University of Minnesota and an ASHA family life education consultant, discussed family life education at a meeting of the South Dakota Association

of Secondary School Principals, at Huron, S. D., on April 14. . . . The Spokane, Wash., County Social Hygiene Association is sponsoring a series of clinics with the general theme of "Pathways to a Happy Marriage." The second clinic was held on April 7. . . . T. Lefoy Richman, ASHA's associate executive director, addressed Social Hygiene Day meetings in Rochester, N. Y., and Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 23 and 28, respectively. . . . Frank A. McFall, ASHA's southeastern regional director, attended the 29th annual meeting of the Georgia Public Health Association, in Savannah, on April 14, 15. . . . The Rev. Trafford P. Maher, S.J., of St. Louis, a member of ASHA's Board of Directors, spoke on "The Dynamics of Teenage Behavior" at the annual meeting of the Cincinnati Social Hygiene Society on April 28. . . . The third annual AFL-CIO Community Services Conference was held June 8-10 at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C. Members of ASHA's staff attending this conference included H. Lamar Boland, director, and Mrs. Dorothy B. Daly, associate director, Division of Field Services.

Speak At Institute

Charles Messner, associate director of ASHA's Division of Education, and Mrs. Elizabeth S. Force, ASHA family life education consultant, were featured speakers at a regional teachers' institute in Laconia, New Hampshire, on April 11.

Some 700 attending teachers were told by Mr. Messner that education for personal and family living is "a school responsibility." Mr. Messner said that the change in the family structure has given this responsibility to teachers in the public schools and colleges.

Mrs. Force spoke on the topic, "Reaching Tomorrow's Parents." She also stressed the responsibility of the schools in the field of family life education.

The program also featured a panel discussion moderated by Clayton C. Jones, ASHA's northeastern regional director.

Agreement Lauded

"The agreement for cooperation between the AFL-CIO and the American Social Hygiene Association has focused public attention on one of the less known activities of the federation. It is a good example of the systematic efforts of organized labor to do its share to help both voluntary and tax-supported social welfare agencies."

This statement was made in an editorial in the New York Times of April 4, concerning the "agreement of understanding" signed recently by ASHA and the Community Services Committee of the AFL-CIO.

"These connections," concluded the editorial, "are good both for labor and the agencies. They give union leaders a chance to share in direct responsibility for the welfare of the whole community and they give the organizations involved an excellent way to get labor's point of view and more effective help."

Indian Government Hits Prostitution

The Indian Government has begun a new campaign to crack down on prostitution, according to an article in the April 27 New York Times.

The article states that prostitution is now practiced openly in virtually all parts of India, despite the fact that most of the states have laws prohibiting it. It is estimated that the number of prostitutes in India runs into the hundreds of thousands.

In 1956, the Indian Government adopted legislation aimed at making laws against procuring and brothel-keeping more effective. At that time the Government gave itself two years in which to prepare special vice squads for action.

The Times statement reports, however, that the owners of brothels in various areas of India are preparing to fight Government action. One of the biggest problems is reported to be "hereditary" prostitution growing out of the caste system.

VD Facts Recorded

The Los Angeles City Health Department reports that a recorded venereal disease message has elicited approximately 175,000 telephone calls since the service was inaugurated on April 1. Calls have averaged 5,000 per day on a twenty-four hour basis.

The message tells the facts about VD infection, describes the symptoms and cure, and urges callers to get in touch with their private physicians or with the nearest city or county health center. Up to the beginning of May, the recorded message has resulted in some 70 referrals daily to local medical societies.

The telephone service was begun in June, 1957, in order to provide locations of daily polio immunization clinics.

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Publish New Guide

A "Family Life Education Resource Guide" was recently published by the Association and is now available at \$1.00 per copy.

Designed as a curriculum guide for teachers in grades one through twelve, the "Guide" is the result of the work of a selected group of teachers and specialists in Roanoke, Va., "to create a body of materials in family life education for their own use," and for the use of teachers in other parts of the country.

In describing the "Guide," Dr. E. W. Rushton, superintendent of schools in Roanoke, writes that: "We have accepted the challenge of directing our teaching throughout the twelve years of public school education so that boys and girls will become happier and more effective members of the family group; so that they will be better prepared to accept the responsibilities of parenthood."

The workshop which originally prepared the "Guide" was directed by Mrs. Elizabeth S. Force, ASHA family life education consultant.

At NCSW Conference

Six members of ASHA's headquarters staff and seven regional directors attended the meetings of the National Conference on Social Welfare, in Chicago, from May 11 to 16.

Conrad Van Hynning, ASHA executive director, presided over a symposium on May 14, entitled, "Broken Families—Community Plans for Prevention in Selected Cities."

On May 13 the Association sponsored a panel discussion with the theme, "A Community-wide Approach to Strengthening the Family by Educational Methods."

Participating in this program were: Miriam A. Shelden, chairman, dean of women, University of Illinois; Rothe Hilger, executive director, Family Service Society, Hartford, Conn.; Robert F. Rutherford, Ph.D., director, School of Social Work, Simmons College, Boston; and Mrs. Elizabeth S. Force, ASHA family life education consultant.

Other members of ASHA's headquarters staff attending the conference included: T. Lefoy Richman, H. Lamar Boland, Mrs. Dorothy B. Daly and Edgar C. Cumings.

Local Association Holds Counseling Clinic

Dayton, O., was recently the scene of a counseling clinic on the theme, "Human Relations and Family Breakdown." The clinic was co-sponsored by the Social Hygiene Association of Montgomery County and the Community Services Committee of the AFL-CIO.

Dr. Gelolo McHugh, professor of psychology at Duke University, was guest speaker at the occasion and led a discussion of problems of human relations and personality conflicts on the job.

The clinic was planned by Mrs. Russell Arnold, director of the Montgomery County Social Hygiene Association; Jerome Bresher, M.D., president of the Association; and Stanley Wysor.

Japan Introduces New Anti-Prostitution Laws

Anti-prostitution laws went into effect in Japan as of April 1, according to information released in the *New York Times*.

The Japanese government estimates that 100,000 prostitutes were involved in brothel operations, with an additional 300,000 engaged in prostitution on streets and in tearooms, inns, drinking places, apartments and private homes.

New ASHA Brochures

Three new brochures have recently been published by the Association's Division of Public Information.

"The American Social Hygiene Association—Program, Services, Activities" is a pamphlet which describes the history, aims and total program of the Association.

"21 Ways in Which ASHA Benefits Your Community" lists specific activities and services on the community level.

"Why We Believe in United Giving" is a pamphlet containing the Association's policy statements in support of united funds.

All three pamphlets are available without cost and may be obtained through the Division of Public Information.



M. Norman Orgel, M.D., president of the Missouri Social Hygiene Association, St. Louis, and a member of ASHA's Board of Directors, addresses members of the Joint Social Hygiene Committee, Cleveland, Ohio, at a luncheon meeting on April 7. Pictured from left to right are: the Rev. George F. Fallon, D.D., Anne Falther, R.N., director, Cleveland Family Health Association; Dr. Orgel; Edwin L. Kregelow, director of health education, Cleveland Board of Education. Dr. Kregelow presided at the luncheon.

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Massachusetts Society Chooses New Executive

William Y. Bell, Jr., has been appointed executive secretary of the Massachusetts Society for Social Hygiene, Boston, Mass. Mr. Bell succeeds Mrs. S. W. Miller, who retired on May 1 after having served the Massachusetts Society since 1931.

Before assuming his post as the Society's new executive secretary, Mr. Bell was a community organization consultant for the Federation of South End Settlements in Boston.

Mr. Bell's career in the field of social health and welfare also includes positions as program consultant for the International Exchange Project of the National Social Welfare Assembly, and director of youth activities for the New York School for Ethical Culture, in New York City.

A graduate of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., where he obtained the A.B. degree in 1936, Mr. Bell received the M.A. degree in social work at the University of Pittsburgh in 1938.

The new executive also studied for two years at the School of Religion, Howard University, Washington, D. C., and obtained an M.S. degree in public relations at Boston University in 1957.

Mr. Bell recently spent several days at ASHA headquarters consulting with various staff members.

Book Review Corner

Note: In previous issues of the *Social Hygiene News* we have listed a number of books of general interest in the areas of social hygiene and family life education. We herewith mention some of the books which we keep in stock for re-sale.

Attaining Manhood, by George W. Corner, M.D., (Harper & Bros., \$1.50) is a scientific account of sex and human reproduction for boys of high school age.

Attaining Womanhood, by George W. Corner, M.D., (Harper & Bros., \$1.50) is a similar volume for girls of high school age.

A Baby Is Born, by Milton I. Levine, M.D., and Jean H. Seligmann (Simon & Schuster, \$1.75) tells the story of how life begins. For parents and children.

Before You Marry, by Sylvanus M. Duvall, Ph.D., (Association Press, \$2.50) discusses 101 questions about marriage. Useful for counselors and young people.

Human Growth, by Lester F. Beck, Ph.D., (Harcourt, Brace & Co., \$2.50) explains physical changes during adolescence and their meaning for adult life.

How Life Is Handed On, by Cyril Bibby, M.Sc., (Emerson Books, \$2.50)

explains the reproductive systems of man and animal. Excellent for children and young people.

Into Manhood, by Roy E. Dickerson, (Association Press, \$2.00) is a guide to sex and morals and their meaning in life. For young people and their parents.

Your Family Today And Tomorrow, by Elizabeth S. Force, (Harcourt, Brace and Co., \$3.40) is basically a high school text book on family life education, but can be read with profit by both parents and young people. The author is a member of the ASHA staff.

How To Live With Your Teen-Ager, by Dorothy W. Baruch, Ph.D., (McGraw-Hill, \$3.75) is "a warm and thoroughly practical blueprint for happier family living by one of America's foremost child psychologists."

The Sexual Side Of Marriage, by M. J. Exner, M.D., (Pocket Books, 25c.) is a sound and temperate presentation of the sexual problems of marriage.

Sex Guidance In Family Life Education, by Frances Bruce Strain, (Macmillan, \$3.00) is written primarily for teachers, but parents will also be interested.